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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2, 3, 4 and 15 on 18 September 1957

1. Contact was made with AECASSOWARY-2, 3 and 4 in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 1040 hours on 18 September 1957 by [] who took Subjects up to Room 414 where [] and [] were waiting and where the meeting was conducted. When [] and [] arrived in Room 414 (1030 hours), they found that the room had not been cleared from the previous day's luncheon. (SR/3 and SR/PP personnel met with Subjects in the same room on 17 September.) Room service was called and a man arrived about 5 minutes previous to the arrival of Subjects, so that he was still clearing the table when Subjects arrived. AECASSOWARY-3 was introduced to [] and [] and after about 20 minutes of amenities, operational discussions began.

2. Regarding the package program, AECASSOWARY-2 inquired whether there would be money made available to him for 3-4 additional packages in the near future. He was told there would be and was requested to give the undersigned an itemized accounting for \$571.62, which is the outstanding balance of a total of \$1500. already advanced to AECASSOWARY-2 for the packages. One of the packages mailed has been returned from Ukraine to the addressee in Canada via the mailing agency, with the information that the addressee could not be located. The details and accounting will be furnished by AECASSOWARY-2 at the next meeting. (Note: AECARTHAGE-12 "holed" up at this address after escape from 1953 oblava.)

A woman in Ukraine who had personal contact with an individual (friend of hers) whom the AECASSOWARY organization sponsored to the Youth Festival in the USSR, requested him to have parcels mailed to her at an address in Warsaw. (These parcels not part of AECUPBOARD Project.) She stated she had a friend (a Ukrainian), a member of the Supreme Soviet, who travels to East Germany via Poland about 3 times a year who could pick up the material in Poland and deliver it to her.

3. AECASSOWARY-2 brought up the subject of candidates for Hot War training. He stated that they (AECASSOWARY organization) did not like the idea of being asked to recommend candidates only to find themselves immediately and completely cut off from any contact with the individual. He gave as an example the name of Rogush whom they have not been able to locate since his assessment in Washington, D. C. It was explained to AECASSOWARY-2 that this incident was not the fault of this office. So far as this office knew, Rogush had not been instructed to sever his relationship

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with AECASSOWARY-4. It was the understanding of this office that he had been accepted for training and that he was free to tell this to AECASSOWARY-4. The undersigned stated that she had not been kept informed of Rogush's change in address, if any, nor of his present activities because she had not requested this information from the individuals concerned with the AEREADY program. AECASSOWARY-4 then stated that he was going to try to locate Rogush again. He stated he didn't expect to be kept informed of his activities but he felt it his duty to keep track of him at least until such time as he has departed for training, so that he (AECASSOWARY-4) will not be made to look foolish if we call to inquire about his whereabouts, in the event Rogush does not report for training as scheduled.

4. AECASSOWARY-3 was asked about the REDSOX candidate potential in Germany. He gave a general account of the Ukrainian immigration status today, concluding that there was no potential to speak of at present^{in Germany} and that the operational potential, insofar as contacting members of the underground on the inside is concerned is growing increasingly more difficult. AECASSOWARY-3 based his conclusions on the following reasoning:

a. The construction of the underground has greatly changed in the past several years. In 1951-52 members of the UPA actually were living underground, sleeping in bunkers, physically remaining in hiding and being immediately available for underground activities. Whereas today, members of the UPA are scattered throughout the entire USSR, living legally as workers in kolhosps, mine or factory employees, students, members of the KOMSOMOL and members of the communist party. The avenues for contacting members of the underground will be different from the previous years. The location of some of them may be known. A search has to be conducted for the others to determine their location, their present occupation, their present political tendencies and idealisms.

b. There exists an unhealthy situation in the emigre population, insofar as age distribution is concerned. Up to the age of 12 years, the emigre population is increasing and growing normally. Between the ages of 12 and 22, the population numbers drop considerably. The small number of available males in this latter age group is not the only problem. There is the question of the lack of young enthusiasm toward the desire to do something for their native country and a lack of moral obligation. Motivation should be the uppermost consideration when selecting REDSOX candidates. Life in the immigration has changed greatly the psychological outlook of the emigres. They must be psychologically reoriented. If the political and psychological efforts toward these people are discontinued, all hopes for successful REDSOX efforts are lost.

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5. AECASSOWARY-2 told about a Ukrainian (A) whom the AECASSOWARY organization in Germany sent (independently) to the Youth Festival in Moscow. This man travelled as a German who had learned the Ukrainian language from associations in Germany. He was approached by a Ukrainian in Moscow (B) who introduced himself as a member of the underground. (B) stated that the Ukrainian people are waiting for war, so that the blood can be shed all at once rather than drop by drop. He spoke of listening to "Bandera" sponsored radio broadcasts from Formosa. The Ukrainians, the youth especially, are trying to work their way back into local positions because they are tired of being bossed around by the Russians and Jews who seem to hold all the administrative positions.

One evening during the Youth Festival, (A) visited the Ukrainian village where a group of Ukrainians were singing. Before the evening came to an end, they were all singing at the top of their voices such songs as SCHE NE VMERLA UKRAINA (Ukraine is Not Dead), the Ukrainian National Anthem, and NE PORA, NE PORA MOSKALEVI NA UKRAINNI ZHITH (It is Not ~~THE~~ Time for the Moscovite To Live In Ukraine). (A) stated that when he attended the Ukrainian dance festival in the Ukrainian pavilion at the Youth Festival in Moscow he overheard a conversation between a Kiev journalist and the manager of the pavilion, during which the journalist questioned the manager as to why all the seats had been given to Russians, why other nationalities had been turned away because of lack of seating space. The manager replied that it was only a coincidence.

6. AECASSOWARY-2 suggested that the Americans should start making preparations for propaganda opportunities at the coming world's fair in Belgium. He recommended making use of the nationality groupings in the United States.

7. AECASSOWARY-3 stated there is evidence that Western Germany again is beginning to concentrate on the study of the Ukrainian question and the nationality problem in the USSR.

8. [] told AECASSOWARY-2 that word had been received about the arrival of 2 exfiltrees to Turkey, stating that it might be the 2 Ukrainians who were with AECARTHAGE-12 when word was received from him to the effect that he was going to the east (Kazakstan). AECASSOWARY-2 did not discount the possibility completely that this was so, but he thought that [] was banking on this possibility too much. When [] made the foregoing announcement, it was noted that AECASSOWARY-2 and 4 exchanged quick glances and smiled at each other which may have been an indication that they might have heard something about 2 exfiltrees. If so, they may have heard about the 2 exfiltrees in Austria who are in the custody of Bandera. This fact was not determined. At first both AECASSOWARY-2 and 4 mentioned that one of the men in Turkey might be AECARTHAGE-19's husband (double play-back run by SR3/CE initiated with the exfiltration of AECARTHAGE-19 and 20 in October 1954).

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[] told AECASSOWARY-2 that [] had gone to Turkey to talk to the 2 exfiltrees and that we are awaiting further word, that AECASSOWARY-2 would be contacted when word was received. (Because of the fact that cable traffic was not available to this office, it was not known at the time that Steve had not gone.) AECASSOWARY-2 expressed great concern about the interrogation of the 2 exfiltrees. He stated he hoped that he or another responsible member of the AECASSOWARY organization would be permitted to confront the individuals before they are exposed to any amount of Agency interrogation, polygraphing, etc., because if they are RIS sponsored, the playing of time would give them opportunity to learn our method of operation and act accordingly. AECASSOWARY-2 offered as an example the handling of AECARTHAGE-12. She was believed "clean" after interrogations and non-derogatory carriage results, yet when confronted by AECASSOWARY-2 and 4, she confessed almost immediately and told them about her capture (from the UPA) in 1951. Because these 2 individuals may be a high level type, AECASSOWARY-2 hoped [] would not delve too deeply into interrogations until such time as AECASSOWARY-2 is permitted to talk to them.

It is the unanimous opinion of the members of this staff that the 2 exfiltrees should be made available to AECASSOWARY-2 for interrogation as soon as possible.

9. []. [] told AECASSOWARY-2 that he had heard through [] that AECASSOWARY-2 was unhappy with the plans of the operation which was being contemplated. AECASSOWARY-2 stated that he was not unhappy about the operation but that there were certain elements and details which he wanted to discuss further. He is in full accord with the basic concept of the operation. There are a number of ways in which it can be accomplished and discussions will have to be held to determine the best possible means after candidates have been found and the target selected.

a. One means of accomplishing the operation is to document the individual legally from South America through Poland and then have him cross back into Ukraine, exfiltration to be accomplished the same way.

b. [] discussed the advisability of introducing an independent candidate (Kroeder). AECASSOWARY-2 thought this would merit further consideration, however, he does not look too favorably upon the introduction of an outsider to one of their people.

c. [] asked AECASSOWARY-2 about what type of support people on the inside would want when contacted. AECASSOWARY-2 said this would have to be determined after contact is made. However, he assumed it would be support like money and documentation.

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d. When asked about whether he had any people for the inside contact, AECASSOWARY-2 stated that he had many. The difficult task will be the spotting and selection of a suitable candidate to go on the mission.

e. AECASSOWARY-2 stated he had 2 potential candidates for the mission in Australia and 1 in South America. M. Boluch of Australia will supply additional information on the Australian candidates. There has been no word from since the last contact with AECASSOWARY-2.

f. [] emphasized the advisability of the operation, stating that it would be of more benefit to the AECASSOWARY organization than to this organization, in that it would build up their prestige if existence of the underground could be reestablished.

10. AECASSOWARY-2 brought up the desires for an English language propaganda bulletin to be printed in the United States for distribution in Africa. AECASSOWARY-3 told about certain African seminarians in Rome who didn't seem to know anything about communism. [] stated that this matter did not come under the jurisdiction of this office and that it would have to be discussed with SR/PP.

11. AECASSOWARY-2 was asked to state his understanding of the conclusions reached at this meeting. He noted the following:

a. The general aspect of the contemplated operation as outlined was acceptable to him.

b. Details will be taken into consideration and plans approved when the candidate is available.

c. Routes to be utilized will be taken into consideration when the candidate and target have been selected.

12. From the operational point of view, the outcome of the meeting was optimistic. AECASSOWARY-2 was told that he will be contacted as soon as further word is received about the 2 exfiltrees in Turkey. The meeting was terminated about 1655 hours.

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